



City Administrator Monthly Update September 2013

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City Clerk/Management Services

We Now Accept EBT

The Rialto Certified Farmers Market now accepts Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) known as CalFresh in California. Farmers' Markets provide significant benefits to consumers, farmers and the communities they serve. EBT is currently available at over 330 authorized Farmer's Markets statewide providing clients' access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Certified Farmers' Market

Rialto's Certified Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rialto Market Night

As part of the Healthy Rialto campaign, the City of Rialto will be hosting Market Night. Located at Rialto City Hall, 150 S. Palm Avenue, local vendors will be selling a variety of goods from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 25th, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23rd, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

New ATM Machine

An ATM is available in the City Clerk's Office for anyone who needs cash. Provided by Inland Valley Federal Credit Union.

Healthy Rialto - Tennis Under 10 Program

Phase I of the Tennis Under 10 Program was a success, providing lessons to over 40 youth in the Rialto community. Representatives from the United States Tennis Association and Assemblymember Cheryl Brown attend the last class to acknowledge the effort Healthy Rialto has done to provide an opportunity for the youth of Rialto to learn the game of tennis.

Phase II is in full swing – August 28 to October 12.

Wednesday Classes

5:30pm–7:00pm

Rialto Racquet & Fitness Center

1243 S. Riverside Ave.

Saturday Classes

8:00am–10:00am

Fergusson Park

Alder and Casa Grande Entrance

15th Annual Rialto Family Festival

On Saturday, September 21, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the City of Rialto Human Relations Commission will host the 15th Annual Rialto Family Festival, 20th Annual Pollution Prevention Fair, 6th Annual Healthy Rialto Fitness Day at Rialto City Hall located at 150 S. Palm Ave.

The Human Relations Commission's goal of the Rialto Family Festival is to recognize and celebrate the diversity of our community and promote healthy lifestyles through food, fitness and fun.

There will be a variety of activities including crafts, music, dancing, demonstrations, rock wall climbing, animals on display and a Jr. Firefighters' kids fitness obstacle course. A Tot Fun Zone for the little ones ages 0-5 supported by First 5 San Bernardino, East Rialto Kiwanis Kidprint and Clowns will be face painting and making balloon animals. Friends of Rialto Library will have books for all ages for sale.

Economic Heartbeat of Rialto

Mayor Deborah Robertson's Economic Heartbeat of Rialto can be seen on the Rialto Network, Channels 3 and 99. It is also available on live stream via the city's web site, www.rialtoca.gov. This show is an in depth interview with local Rialto businesses.

Administrative & Community Services

Finance

The finance department finalized the FY 2011-12 Annual Financial Report and presented it to the City Council at the August 13, 2013 meeting. The report is available for review on the City's website at http://www.rialtoca.gov/finance_finance-budget.php.

The department has also commenced work on the FY 2012-13 year end closing process as preliminary audit work began on August 19.

Human Resources

Job Fair

Partnership between San Bernardino Valley College, Pathway from Boys to Men, Southwestern Vocational College, Cathedral of Praise, and City of Rialto.

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2013

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

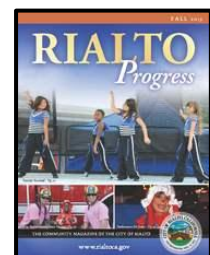
Location: Cathedral of Praise - 1521 S. Riverside Ave., Rialto, CA 92376

More information will be forthcoming.

Recreation

RIALTO Progress Magazine

The Fall 2013 Edition of the RIALTO Progress magazine has been mailed out to all of the addresses in the City. The Fall Edition includes City activities for the months of September, October November and December. Contact Jessica Perez at 909-421-4949 for advertising space for the Winter Issue.



New Classes

Check the RIALTO Progress magazine for new classes are being offered this Fall which include:

- What is your Parenting Style?
- Parents! Are You and Your Child Ready for College?
- Saturday Morning Sit Out for Women
- En Español! ¿Que es el Dream Act?
- En Espanol! Padres! ¿Usted y Su Hijo o Hija Estan Listos Para Colegio?
- Fantasy/Face Painting Makeup III
- Beauty Makeup I
- Glamour/High Fashion Makeup II
- Intro to Digital Photography
- I'm So C.U.T.E., Courageous, Unique, Talented, Educated

Midnight Madness

The City will be hosting its 1st Annual Midnight Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Friday, September 20th at the Carl Johnson Center Gym. Ages 18 and up. See your RIALTO Progress Magazine for details.

Rialto Youth Collaborative Golf Tournament

The 2nd Annual Rialto Youth Collaborative Golf Tournament will be taking place on October 4th at the Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon. The proceeds support the Rialto Fire Explorers, Pride Platoon and the Rialto Fit4Kids Program. Registration deadline is Friday, September 27, 2013. RSVP ASAP to 909-421-4949.

Senior Center Floor

On August 13th, the City Council awarded a contract to FloorTech America to replace the Wood Laminate flooring with a vinyl plank style flooring product. The project will be completed in two phases, starting with entry foyer and the main halls, and then the main dining hall (Berglund Room). The total project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Adult Basketball Returns to Rialto!



Adult Basketball is back in the City of Rialto on Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We have 6 teams this summer season competing for Johnson Center supremacy. The teams are from Rialto, San Bernardino, Riverside, and one team is made of Rialto youth basketball league coaches. The adult basketball league has proved to be a great way for families to gather and support the physical activity of their parents and friends. Adult basketball will take place year-round and will be just one of the items on the expanding Adult Sports menu.

Share Your Talents and Earn Extra Income!

The Rialto Recreation and Community Services division is currently seeking instructors to expand the selection of fee-based special interest classes offered to the Rialto

community. If you have a special talent and want to earn extra income teaching it to others, then come and partner with us! We will provide and maintain facilities, handle registration, and provide direct mail advertising to 32,000 residential and business addresses! Call 421-4949 and ask for Jessica Perez.

Police Department

Coffee with the Chief



"Coffee with the Chief" offers Rialto residents an opportunity to personally meet their Police Chief and other representatives in a casual setting. Please join Chief Tony Farrar for "Coffee with the Chief" at Coco's Restaurant 1683 S. Riverside on Tuesday September 10, 2013 from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

Follow Rialto PD on Facebook

Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD>.



***On Sunday, August 25, 2013, we reached out to those on Facebook – attempting to identify two suspects involved in an armed robbery. Within three minutes, information was provided to officers and detectives necessary to solve this case. Thanks to everyone who was willing to get involved!*

Reminder – Signup for NIXLE NOW!

NIXLE is a free service that allows community members to receive trusted, up-to-the-minute, neighborhood information for where you live, work, visit – or for where your family and friends are located throughout the country. You choose the information you want, for the locations you want, from urgent public safety alerts to less time sensitive advisories and community information. You choose how you want to receive the



information, whether it's over your cell phone by text message, by email, over the web, or all of the above. You stay connected to what is happening in the community at locations that are relevant to you. Check out our website for more!

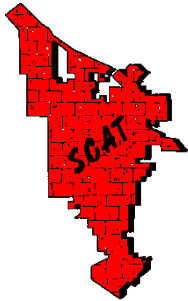
Synthetic Drug Operation

On Saturday, August 2, 2013, the departments Street Crime Attack team conducted an undercover operation to ensure local retailers (smoke shops) were in compliance with state and local laws banning the sale of synthetic drugs commonly known as K2, Spice, Salvia, and Bath Salts. Out of the five businesses visited, three were not in compliance with the city ordinance. These businesses were cited for the violations and the product seized.



SMASH Operation

On Friday, August 16, 2013, the departments Street Crime Attack Team (SCAT) conducted a proactive policing effort focusing in on suspected gangs and their members.



The operation encompassed over 150 police officers from several jurisdictions including the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Fontana Police Department, Colton Police Department, Barstow Police Department, Redlands Police Department, Montclair Police Department, San Bernardino Police Department, Riverside Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, State Parole, California Corrections Apprehension Team, and the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. In all, 81 arrests were made for various misdemeanor and felony crimes.

Citizen's Academy

The Rialto Police Department will be hosting an 11-week Citizen's Academy, beginning September 26th and concluding on December 12th. The Academy will meet each Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Rialto Police Department Annex, located at 429 W. Rialto Avenue.

The Citizen's Academy is designed to present residents with an understanding of the Police Department's operations, which will provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in our community. Each week, an inside look at police functions will be taught by police executives and veteran officers. The Academy is FREE. It is stress-free with no physical activity.

The Citizen's Academy curriculum will include, among other things: criminal investigations, traffic laws, radio communications, drug and gang enforcement, police ethics, police K9s, SWAT, crisis negotiation, crime analysis, and patrol functions.



Class size is limited to about 45 attendees, due to site capacity limitations. You must be at least 21 years of age; no felony convictions; no misdemeanor convictions within the last 3 years; and no pending criminal cases.

Anyone interested in attending the Citizen's Academy, please contact Lieutenant Kathy Thompson at (909) 820-2560, or an application can be located on the department's website at www.rialtopd.com and emailed to kthompson@rialtopd.com, or obtained at the Rialto Police Department, 128 N. Willow Avenue.

Rialto Re-entry Support Team (R.R.S.T.)

The Rialto Re-entry Support Team (R.R.S.T.) was created to assist early release prisoners and probationers with their successful re-integration into society. The R.R.S.T. does so by acting as a conduit between the multitude of private and government service providers and the early release population. These partnerships help drive down recidivism, assist early release prisoners/probationers with becoming productive members of society, and enhance the safety and security of Rialto's diverse community.

The R.R.S.T. Team holds monthly resource meetings. These meetings link our "clients" to various "vendors" who provide services designed to help keep the clients from re-offending and returning to incarceration. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Medical Services
- Counseling/Therapy
- Support Groups
- Assistance with Driver License and Social Security Compliance
- Social Services
- Shelter
- Education
- Occupational Skills and Employment

For additional Information, please contact Officer Greg Marquez at 909-421-4995 or email to gmarquez@rialtopd.com.

Area Command Meetings

Area #2 – Wednesday September 18, 2013, 7:00-8:30 pm at Valley Fellowship Church - 275 E. Grove Street

Area #3 – Saturday October 5, 2013, 7:00-8:30 pm at Bloomington Christian High School - 955 S. Bloomington Avenue

Area #4 – Monday October 28, 2013, 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Catherine's Church - 339 N. Sycamore Avenue

National K-9 Conference October 2013

The Rialto Police Department will be hosting the National Police Canine Association's last national K-9 Conference in October 2013. The conference/training will be held at various training sites throughout the City. The dates for this event are October 7-11, 2013.

Fire Department

Twenty-one Rialto Fire Personnel Honored at Badge Pinning Ceremony

On August 22, the Fire Department held a badge pinning ceremony for 21 personnel who were either recently hired or promoted into new positions. The event was held in the auditorium at Rialto Middle School and had over 200 people in attendance. With a great display of fire department tradition, including bagpipes and the RFD Honor Guard, the event marks one of the largest hirings in recent history. As part of the tradition, each honoree selects a family member or friend to officially "pin" them with the new badge that indicates their new position. The event symbolizes the important role that family and friends play in the success of our personnel, and allows everyone to celebrate their accomplishments.



Fifteen of the new positions started their first shift on August 23rd. Twelve of these employees are fully funded for two years through FEMA's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. These additional personnel will allow the department to increase the number of emergency resources that are available to serve the City every day.

How these new positions will help improve service:

The additional positions that were funded through the SAFER grant will provide greater flexibility in our response to 911 calls for service. It allows us to place more units on the street, and provide more personnel on fire and rescue calls to accomplish critical tasks.

Here are some of the service improvements that our community will enjoy:

- The number of ambulance available for 911 calls will increase from three to as many as six, and can be adjusted to address surges in call volume. This means that medical help will be consistently available, arrive faster, and reduce prolonged response time that occur when mutual aid resources have to respond from other cities when our resources are depleted.
- The Fire Department will be able to increase staffing on some fire engines from three personnel to four. This means increased efficiency on critical initial fire attack operations and rescue, which leads to decreased fire loss and better changes for survival for trapped victims.
- Having more ambulances in the system allows us to make better use of our dispatching protocols. This means that in many cases, a single ambulance can respond instead of multiple units as was done in the past. This helps ensure that enough units are available to respond to subsequent calls, and reduces overall operational costs.
- The additional positions will provide better flexibility for firefighter training, community education, fire prevention, and other important activities while maintaining operational readiness for emergencies.
- It opens opportunities to expand the services that the fire department provides to meet the growing needs and desires of our community members.

The faster response times that the community will see are a vital component of emergency services. Recent studies have shown that although the advancements in hospital treatment of heart attacks have improved survival rates, a quicker response to starting patient treatment in the field along with rapid transport to the hospital may have an even greater positive effect on survival. A faster, well-staffed response to fires and rescue calls has a similar effect, as these elements allow fire crews to attack the fires when they are smaller, thereby reducing potential property and life loss.



The REAL “RFD”

It's quite common for fire departments to shorten their department name to initials. Such is the case with the Rialto Fire Department, or the “RFD”. However, what do you do when you have two fire departments close by that want to use the same initials? How



will we tell them apart? Well, this is the case with the Rialto Fire Department and the Redlands Fire Department; both of them claim to be the REAL “RFD”. So to settle the question, the two departments have a friendly competition each year that benefits much more than our name. These two groups participate in the annual “Fill the Boot” fundraiser to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The department who raises the most money each year retains a perpetual trophy that earns the right to be “The Real RFD”. This year, Rialto Firefighters did a stellar job of raising \$30,000 for MDA research, surpassing the amount raised in Redlands. Although we love the trophy, both departments agree that the real winners are those who are stricken with muscular dystrophy, and raising the money for them is the real spirit of the fire service. So, for this year, Rialto Fire is proud to be the “Real” RFD.

Emergency Operations

It has been a very busy month for the members of the RFD. Here are some highlights from emergencies that the department has responded to:

Lilac Fire

On August 9, 2013, Rialto Fire crews were dispatched to a structure fire in an apartment complex in the 1100 block of N Lilac. Units on scene found fire coming through roof and second story window at rear of building, but their quick action stopped the fire before it could extend into other apartments. Occupants who were displaced by the fire were assisted by Red Cross. The cause of the fire was determined to be a malfunctioning television. There were no injuries to any civilians or firefighters.



Traffic Collision/Rescue at Baseline and Laurel

On August 8th, six Rialto Fire Department units responded to the corner of Baseline and Laurel for a traffic collision. The incident involved two vehicles that collided at a high rate of speed. The extensive damage required complex extrication techniques using specialized tools to remove a trapped female victim from the wreckage. Although the picture here makes the vehicle appear to be a convertible, the removal of the metal roof was actually the work of RFD personnel using advanced procedures to aid the



trapped occupants. A total of three patients were transported to area hospitals by RFD paramedics.

2013 Wildland Fires

2013 is turning out to be one of the most active wildfire years in recent history with multiple fires burning throughout the state. The Rim Fire in Yosemite National Park alone has now burned over 237,000 acres, and has approximately 4,000 fire department personnel assigned. The RFD has been an active participant in suppressing these fires through the State's Master Mutual Aid system. On August 7th, Rialto Battalion Chief Troy Johnson led Strike Team 6220A to assist with the "Sharp" fire near the community of Wrightwood. The strike team was assigned to structure defense in the East Canyon Road area and did a great job of keeping the fire from reaching any structures. Rialto Firefighter Nick Delia is also currently assigned to the medical unit for the Corral Complex (a group of fires) burning in Northern California. This fire complex has burned over 12,000 acres.



The assistance provided by the RFD through the Master Mutual Aid Agreement is fully reimbursed through State and Federal funds, and therefore does not create an additional financial burden on the City. We are proud to share our talent and resources with other communities in need. These services are also available to our City at no cost should we have a large incident here.

Fire Prevention Tip: Clothes Dryer Fires

It may be hard to believe, but clothes dryer fires cause approximately \$35 million in property loss each year. The good news is there are several steps that you can take to help ensure that you don't become part of that statistic.

Here are some tips:

- Have your clothes dryer installed by a professional.
- Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry. Don't forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up. In addition, clean the lint filter with a nylon brush at least every six months or more often if it becomes clogged.
- Clean lint out of the vent pipe every three months.
- Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with rigid, non-ribbed metal duct.
- Make sure the correct electrical plug and outlet are used and that the dryer is connected properly.



Clothes dryer "Don'ts"

- Don't overload the dryer.
- Don't use a wire screen or cloth to cover the wall damper. They can collect lint and clog the dryer vent.
- Don't dry anything containing foam, rubber or plastic. An example of an item not to place in a dryer is a bathroom rug with a rubber backing.
- Don't leave a clothes dryer running if you leave home or when you go to bed.

For more information, visit the Consumer Product Safety Commissions website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/PageFiles/118931/5022.pdf>

Rialto Fire on Facebook

Don't forget, you can get up to the minute updates and information about the Rialto Fire Department on our Facebook page.

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/rialtofiredepartment>.

Development Services Department

Long-awaited In-N-Out Burger Opens for Business

After years of diligent effort by City officials, In-N-Out Burger opened its doors for business on Thursday, September 26th. On opening day, cars filled the drive-thru and occupied every parking space on and off the site while the dining area was packed with standing room only customers. "We were expecting busy, but this has exceeded our expectations," said Frank Nila, one of two district managers working the drive-through line during the noontime rush.



Customers arrive in droves to enjoy the grand opening of the Rialto In-N-Out Burger

The In-N-Out Burger opening climaxed long-running efforts initiated by the former Redevelopment Agency and subsequently assumed by the City of Rialto. The former Redevelopment Agency first financed construction of the new Fire Station #202 on Riverside Avenue. Then the Agency negotiated the sale of the old Fire Station #202 site to In-N-Out Burger nearly three years ago, but before all parties could sign the purchase contract, the State of California first suspended then ultimately dissolved all redevelopment agencies statewide. Contract terms painstakingly negotiated by the former Redevelopment Agency were then renegotiated between the City and In-N-Out Burger. In-N-Out Burger closed escrow on the site in May 2013, commenced construction in June 2013, and opened for business just before Labor Day.

The City completed site improvements to create two additional development pads and will soon start construction of a 95-foot freeway sign, which will advertise the In-N-Out Burger and other restaurants that will eventually occupy the site. The City recently

approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Brand Growth to construct a 4,500 building to accommodate Chipotle Mexican Grill and other retail or restaurant users.

Industrial Development Progress Report

The industrial real estate market remains very strong in Rialto. Updates follow for some of the larger projects:



- **Target Cold Storage Facility.** Target is rapidly moving toward completion of its 499,000 square foot cold storage facility at the southwest corner of Renaissance Parkway and Laurel Avenue.
- **I-210 Logistics Center.** Pannatoni Development proceeds forward with its 725,000 square foot distribution facility at the northeast corner of Baseline Road and Locust Avenue. Site grading is complete, foundations poured and walls will soon rise.
- **FedEx Expansion.** During August, the FedEx Ground Logistics terminal raised the walls for its 307,000 square foot facility on Cactus Avenue, south of the I-10 Freeway. FedEx will complete construction by early 2014 and employ 120 workers.



Staff is also processing entitlements for various industrial projects proposed by Prologis (Tamarind/Baseline), DCT Industrial (Renaissance/Laurel), and CapRock Partners (Casmalia/Linden).

Auto Zone under Construction in Stater Bros Center on Bloomington

Auto Zone has erected its exterior walls for its new 7,400 square foot store located next to the Stater Bros grocery store on Bloomington Avenue, west of Cactus Avenue. Roof framing will follow shortly and provide weather protection for the rest of the interior construction. The project is scheduled for completion later this year.

Planning Commission Summary for August

The Planning Commission reviewed the following projects:

- **Conditional Development Permit No.728.** The Commission approved a request by Speedy Cash to operate a check cashing/payday loan establishment at 120 West Baseline Road, Unit A.
- **Conditional Development Permit No.729.** The Commission approved a request by Elizabeth Garcia to allow the establishment of an auto body repair facility at 323 West Valley Boulevard, Unit D.
- **Development Agreement No. 13-01.** The Commission approved a request by I-210 Logistics Center II Fund IX, LLC for a Development Agreement to encourage development of a 764,000 square foot industrial building at the northwest corner of Base Line Road and Linden Avenue. The Development Agreement vests the land use entitlements for the project, fixes the development impact fees, and authorizes credits/reimbursements for public infrastructure constructed by the developer.
- **Ordinance Amendment to Title 18 (ZONING) of the Rialto Municipal Code.** The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to consider amendments to Chapters 18.04 (Definitions) and 18.35 (Industrial Park Zone - Gateway Specific Plan) to define psychic activities and add psychic activities as a permitted land use. The Planning Commission denied the proposed amendment to the Rialto Municipal Code.

New Housing Starts Signal Economic Recovery

After many years of stagnation, housing construction shows signs of new life. The City recently issued 20 building permits to Frontier Homes for construction of new single-family homes at Maple Avenue and Summit Avenue. Frontier Homes also expects to close escrow and pull permits on the remaining 35 lots of the Bloomington Lane project located at Bloomington Avenue, west of Riverside Avenue. The City expects to issue over 60 permits for new single-family homes, the most in recent years. By contrast, the City issued only 16 single-family home permits during 2012.

The median sales price for Rialto homes sold during the three-month period from May through July 2013 was \$220,000. This represents an increase of 6.8%, or \$14,000, compared to the prior quarter and an increase of 29.4% compared to the same quarter one year ago. The average sales listing price for Rialto homes was \$243,000 for the week ending August 28.

New Businesses in August

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto. The City will send each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Goods/Service</u>
• In-N-Out Burgers	165 E. Easton Ave.	Restaurant
• Mi Bella Honduras Restaurant	755 E. Foothill Blvd. 'C-D'	Restaurant
• Verizon Wireless	275 E. Grove St.	Cell Tower
• Ecology Auto Parts	221 E. Santa Ana Ave.	Automotive
• Smitty's Diesel Repair	2020 Lowell St.	Automotive
• Sector Q. Corporation	300 S. Cedar Ave.	Engineering/Development
• Door of Rialto	1645 S. Riverside Ave. Ste. C	Counseling/Education
• IRepair Wireless	124 W. Foothill Blvd. 'C'	Cell phone repair/sales
• Pro Recycling	250 W. Foothill Blvd.	Recycling Ctr.
• Sula Auto Body	323 W. Valley Blvd. 'D'	Automotive Repair

Renaissance Village Seeks Funding for Rehabilitation

National Community Renaissance (National CORE) proposes major rehabilitation for the 144-unit Renaissance Village Apartment complex situated at 220 N. Glenwood Avenue. National CORE proposes to expend \$6,000,000 to improve the unit interiors and property common areas, averaging \$41,000 per unit. On July 9, 2013 the City Council approved National CORE's application for \$16,000,000 in federal tax credits to refinance the project and provide rehabilitation funding. Rehabilitation work is expected to commence in early 2014.

Rialto Housing Authority to Decide How to Use Residual Funds

After dissolution of redevelopment, the Rialto Housing Authority retained \$9.2 million for affordable housing projects. For now, the Rialto Housing Authority intends to reserve \$2.6 million of this amount to repay scheduled debts coming due in 2014/15 for past redevelopment projects. The balance of \$6.6 million remains available for new projects and programs. Numerous non-profit housing developers seeking access to this funding have approached staff, and staff intends to prepare recommendations for the EDC and City Council regarding the priority applications for these funds.

Code Enforcement Area Reports

The Code Enforcement Division has divided the City into four zones (Areas 1-4) which align with the area command structure of the Police Department (visit www.rialtopd.com/index.php for Area Map). A Code Enforcement Officer has been

assigned to each of these zones, with a fifth Code Enforcement Officer assigned to commercial property enforcement (Area 5).

Area/Code Officer	Zone Activity Summary
Area 1 Officer Chris De Hesa	Officer De Hesa reports that the prevalent complaints in Area 1 relate to overgrown and dead vegetation. A small number of calls to investigate trash digging have also been received.
Area 2 Officer Teresa Hodge	Officer Hodge reports that the predominant complaints in Area 2 relate to abandoned vehicles and overgrown vegetation.
Area 3 Officer Helen Shepherd	Officer Shepherd reports that the predominant complaints in Area 3 relate to abandoned vehicles and overgrown vegetation
Area 4 Officer Juan Virgen	Officer Virgen reports that the predominant complaints in Area 4 relate to trash, debris and overgrown vegetation.
Area 5 (Commercial Area) Officer Steve Jaramillo	Officer Jaramillo works on shopping center upkeep located on the main thoroughfares and NPDES violations in the same locations.

Senior Code Officer David Hernandez handles all area command complaints, oversees the volunteer program, all trash digging complaints and special assignments such as hoarders and the Home Depot community work accomplished at the Rialto Woman's Club.

In total, the Code Enforcement Offices wrote 150 Notices of Violations during August, and resolved 107 cases. The Senior Code Enforcement Officer issued nine State Citations for illegal removal of recyclables.

Public Works

Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the 2nd Saturday of every month from January through November 2013 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The schedule of dates is as follows:

September 14, 2013Birdsall Park 2611 N. Linden Avenue
 October 12, 2013..... Metrolink Station 261 S. Palm Avenue
 November 9, 2013 Downtown Rialto..... Riverside & Rialto Avenues

Riverside Avenue at Linden Avenue Traffic Signal Project

On December 11, 2012 the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement (“PSA”) with KOA Corporation (“KOA”) to prepare plans, specifications and estimates (“PS&E”) for the Riverside Avenue / Linden Avenue Traffic Signal Installation Project, City Project No. 120802. The original scope of work included the design of a new traffic signal and associated street improvements at the Riverside Avenue / Linden Avenue intersection. The existing intersection was to be widened to add a northbound left turn lane on Riverside Avenue to Linden Avenue, and a northbound right turn lane on Linden Avenue to Riverside Avenue.

The City’s General Plan identifies Riverside Avenue as a Major Arterial, which functions as a major north/south roadway linking Interstate 10, State Route 210, and Interstate 15 freeways. The segment of Riverside Avenue located between Cedar Avenue and Sierra Avenue is not constructed to its ultimate width, having only one northbound lane and lacking full improvements. Although the project includes the widening of Riverside Avenue to provide a northbound left turn lane at Linden Avenue, the widening would not accommodate a second northbound through lane. Staff recommends that the project be expanded in scope to include the additional widening of Riverside Avenue between Cedar Avenue and approximately 2,100 feet north of Linden Avenue.

On August 13, 2013 the City Council agreed to expand the Project’s original scope of work to include widening Riverside Avenue to provide the full four-lane capacity required by the General Plan to improve traffic circulation and safety, and to take advantage of the opportunity associated with constructing the street and traffic signal improvements within this area as a result of this Project. The Project will now include construction of a second northbound through lane and an adjacent. The original and extended project limits are shown here:



The City’s consultant, KOA, is currently underway on the additional work, and the City expects to approve plans for construction in 2014.

2013/2014 Annual Traffic Signal Upgrade Project

The City’s continued growth has placed a burden on the existing transportation system. In order to accommodate future traffic needs, improve traffic circulation and

maintenance of the City's existing traffic signals, certain modifications are required to two traffic signals located at the intersection of Cactus Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, and at the intersection of Base Line Road and Acacia Avenue. Upgrading these traffic signals will improve traffic flow, increase public safety and bring the signals up to current requirements for optimal operation.

Specifically, the following conditions affect the operation of these two traffic signals:

Cactus Avenue at Foothill Boulevard

Recently, portions of this traffic signal system were removed and replaced with new components to accommodate new street improvements at the southeast corner of the intersection. Further modification is required in removal and replacement of certain poles, mast arms, and traffic controller to modernize the traffic signal and accommodate current and future traffic needs. Left turn phasing will be added on Cactus Avenue to improve traffic flow.

Baseline Road & Acacia Avenue

This traffic signal, installed in 1967 is one of the City's first traffic signals. It has exceeded its useful life and is in need of complete replacement. Staff has applied for a 2013 Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP), Cycle 6, grant from the California Department of Transportation to cover the cost to replace this traffic signal. Left turn phasing will be added on all approaches to improve traffic flow.

On August 13, 2013 the City Council authorized staff to initiate the design of traffic signal modification plans for this project. The City anticipates the following schedule for this project:

Task	Date
Design Begin	August 2013
Design Complete	January 2014
Construction Contract Advertisement	February 2014
Construction Contract Award	May 2014
Construction Begin	June 2014

Solid Waste Management News

20th Annual Pollution Prevention Fair

National Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity for government, industry, and citizens to renew their efforts to protect the environment and health of the community



and to recognize the potential of pollution prevention by working together for a prosperous and sustainable future. The City of Rialto's Pollution Prevention Fair began 20 years ago as a very small environmental information event in front of the Rialto Library. During the first few years, Waste Management staff and Burrtec Waste provided recycling information to the residents in attendance. As participation grew over the next couple of years, the Fair expanded and moved its location to the

lawn area behind the library. New elements were added including backyard composting demonstrations, worm composting and used oil recycling information, as well as recycled arts and crafts for the kids.

In 1998, the City Clerk's office held their first International Family Festival on the same day as the annual Pollution Prevention Fair. To keep the two festivals from competing for attendance, City staff decided to join forces and in 1999, held both events together at Rialto City Park. It was at this event that the Waste Management office held its first Recycled Art Contest with 10-15 participants entering creative art made from used and unwanted materials. The Recycled Art contest has grown tremendously since then with more than 60 entries each year.



The Pollution Prevention Fair has continued to add new and exciting elements including rare and exotic animal exhibits as well as butterfly and insect displays. Each year as the participation increases; the fun, family atmosphere continues to provide environmental education information to the community focusing on pollution prevention of our earth including air, water, and land.

Join us again this year as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Pollution Prevention Fair. The carnival type atmosphere makes the day a fun learning experience for all involved. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013, 150 S. Palm Ave. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Household Hazardous Waste

During the month of August, there were 145 residents served at our Household Hazardous Waste site. They brought in 415 gallons of used motor oil, 4 pallets of paint, 5 drums of misc. poisons and other toxic liquids, 15 gallons of Antifreeze, 5 barrels of sharps, and approximately 12 auto batteries.



During the month of September, the site will be open on Friday the 13th and Saturday the 14th and Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.